

Minutes from the October 14, 2010 Rochester Philatelic Association Meeting

Tom Fortunato opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Old Business:

Alternate Meeting Site: Ray Stone reported that the Brighton Reformed Church was available only Monday or Friday nights for possible RPA meetings and that storage space at that facility was not available. These criteria did not meet RPA requirements and the RPA membership agreed to cease investigating Brighton Reformed Church as a possible alternate meeting site.

ACTION: Membership agreed that the RPA Board should continue to search for an alternate meeting sight.

The Library Committee under the leadership of John Kellas held its first meeting in the RPA storage area.

ACTION: The committee began compiling an inventory of all library books and agreed to meet again at 6:00 pm at the next RPA meeting

Tom F. reported that any item given to the RPA as an outright "gift" rather than a "donation" could be used by the RPA in any way it deemed possible without IRS Tax implications and/or holding periods. As such, the donor would also not be entitled to use its value as a potential tax deduction.

ACTION: RPA Board to close this issue by documenting the RPA gift / donation strategy.

Tom F. prepared and forwarded to Jeannine at the Rochester PO new lilac cancel designs consistent with the device's date plug size requirements. He also reported that the USPS will pay for the manufacture of the cancel device and not the RPA, as it will be used and treated as USPS property.

Ray Stone mentioned that the Rochester USPS "did very well" at their 2010 ROPEX show tables.

New Business:

Tom F. reviewed the activities of the latest Board meeting held on October 8. (See notes from that meeting.)

Joe Doles emailed Tom F. to say the club's color copier/scanner/printer had broken a few months ago, needing printer head replacements estimated at \$100. The Board decided to look into purchasing a new one, expecting it to cost \$100-\$150, instead of repairing the old one. Joe was given the option to scrap or repair the old printer for his own use.

ACTION: The Board will determine when or if to purchase a new one.

The RPA Board created a Constitution Committee to review and recommend possible changes to the RPA constitution headed by John Lighthouse. A discussion of their findings is to be held during February's RPA meeting, with an intention for a membership vote to take place in June, 2011.

A current constitution clause states that any member who resigns and then re-applies should be offered the opportunity to pay for dues at the current rate for the missed years, thus allowing for continuity towards 25 year life membership status. Any RPA member not made that offer on re-joining may do so on proof of membership for those years. At least one current RPA member falls in this category and will be offered this option.

Rick Kase reported that the RNA coin show will be held at the Eisenhart Auditorium on October 30 and 31. He will man a booth and requests that others assist him if attending. It was also reported that the Elmira's club show, STEPEX, would be held in Big Flats October 15-16.

Rich Spinelli questioned whether the RPA Board had yet discussed any RPA activities for the club's 100th anniversary in 2013. Meetings between the RPA and RNA to hold a joint show in 2012 or 2013 ended over a year ago without any interest on the RNA's part. No further Board discussions have taken place since.

The business part of the meeting ended and proceeded with "Everyone A Dealer" activities.